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SUBJECT: CULTURAL EXCHANGE: VISAS FOR SOVIET 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT

REF: A. STATE 79668, B. MOSCOW 4865

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED ORAL REQUEST FROM SMOLYANOV AND LEPYOSHKIN (REF A) THAT 60TH ANIVERISARY EXHIBIT DIRECTOR AND TWO DEPUTY DIRECTORS PE GIVEN DIPLOMATIC VISAS. WE PROPOSE NOT TO GRANT THE REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ABSENCE OF SOVIET OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN LOS ANGELES (A FACTOR MENTIONED BY LEPYOSHKIN) REPRESENTS A MAJOR ,FOPLEM, GIVEN BACKGROUND OF SUCCESSFUL EXHIBIT OPERATIONS IN MANY SUCH UNCLASSIFIED

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CITIES IN THE PAST. SUPPORT WILL BE AVAILAPLE FROM THE SOVIET CONGEN IN SAN FRANCISCO. WE ARE ALSO TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, OF COURSE, THE FACTS THAT THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL EXHIBIT STAFF (INCLUDING THE DIRECTOR) DID NOT RECEIVE DIPLOMATIC VISAS AND ONLY THE DIRECTOR OF THE PHOTOGRAPHY USA EXHIBIT RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC VISA. IN SUM, WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION (REF B).

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD CONSIDER RECIPROCAL UNDERTAKING UNDER WHICH, BEGINNING WITH SOVIET NATIONAL EXHIBIT AND PHOTOGRAPHY USA, THE NUMBER OF DIPLOMATIC VISAS ISSUED WOULD BE INCREASED FOR ALL EXHIBITS.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY FOREGOING TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND REPORT. CHRISTOPHER

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